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APPOINTMENTS SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Names Heirs To $10,000 Claim

Mrs. Fannie Matthews And Her Son, Will, Adjudged As Wife And Son

Son Of The Late George Matthews

FANNIE MATTHEWS AND HER SON WILL, AJUDGED AS WIFE AND SON

(Taken from Meridian daily, 'The Star')

Chancellor A. B. Amis, Wednesday ruled that Fannie "Tiny" Matthews is the lawful widow and WILL Matthews her son, the Lawful son of George Matthews, 73-year old colored man, who died August 19, 1940, in a small cabin about five miles from Meridian on the Suqualena road, leaving an estate of approximately $10,000.

The chancellor's ruling was made after four days of testimony in which claims to the estate were made in behalf of Lillie Mason, Mattie Tate Matthews, Jessie Cole and others claiming to have been common-law wives of the deceased, who for many years was a railroad fireman.

Effect of the testimony was that Lillie Mason lived with George near Nellieburg in 1899; that George married Fannie at Marion Junction, April 1, 1904 that Fannie left him and subsequently married a George Jones at Butler; that in 1912, George lived with Mattie Tate, who left him in 1918 and that at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1921 he married Jessie Cole, who died in 1927.

"All Matthews' marriages except the legal ceremony between George and Fannie are void," said the chancellor in his ruling.

The costs of witnesses were assessed against the parties calling them. The court costs were assessed half to the state and half to all concerned.

Attorneys for Mattie Tate Matthews gave notice of appeal to the supreme court.

Stevenson School News

TOOMSUBA, Miss.— For the last 3 years the Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College has been sending out senior agricultural students in various sections of the state to get actual practice on the field. Out of the 126 colored Agricultural departments, five of them have been selected to receive these students.

The Stevenson School at Toomsuba, Mississippi is still on the list. Prof. E. Hannah is very pleased to have Mr. Henry L. Daugherty from Clarksdale, Miss. He is a senior at Alcorn college, a member of the NFA club and a member of the applied art club. He is now spending six weeks doing practice work at Stevenson School. Mr. Daugherty has charge of Prof. M. E. Hannah's classes and is doing some outstanding work such as terracing and, explaining the 1940 program, improving the class room, teaching the value of live stock on the farm, painting the school building and beautifying the school grounds. He also is working with the NFA Clubs doing such work as electing new officers and seting up their program of work.

The school and community would like to take this time to thank Prof. W. A. Flowers, Teacher Trainer at Alcorn College and Professor A. D. Fobbs assistant for being so liberal as to send these Trainees to our community as well as a help to the Trainees. We appreciate having them with us at any time.

And an important one is Dutton Ferguson (above) special assistant, Division of Information, whose office in the Federal Headquarters of the Works Projects Administration, handles a constant flow of requests for all kinds of information from all over the country.

ENTERTAINS

Friday evening November 29, Mrs E. B. Young of 2001 31st Avenue, entertained with a buffet dinner in honor of honored and invited guests. The honored guests were Mr., and Mrs Steele of Brooklyn, N. Y., the latter's mother of Jackson, Miss., Mrs. J. J Smith of Chicago, Illinois, and Mrs Kinetta Smith Dobbings of St. Louis Missouri.

The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs E F Young, Jr., Miss Sallie A Davis Mr and Mrs E H Lewis, Mrs R L Young Prof T R Smith and daughter, Gloria and Miss Mattie L Larkin.

Mrs. Young made a very charming hostess. Her house was beautifully decorated with the season's most lovely flowers. The dining room table was a very lovely picture. The table was covered with a pretty lace cloth and centered with clusters of artificial grapes on a pretty reflector.

The hostess served her guests a lovely dinner. The menu consisted of southern fried chicken, cranberry sauce, peas in patties, tomato salad on crisp lettuce stuffed celery, pickles, hot rolls, coffee, dessert peaches, fruit cake and assorted mints. Bingo was enjoyed.

"MISS XAVIER U"

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AUDREY ELLIOTT of Norfolk, Va beautiful junior lass of Xavier University of Louisiana. Miss Elliott, 'Miss Xavier of '40' is a Delta soror and will greet the Florida A & M gridders when Classic.

meets them in the Turkey Day

Plan New "Fight Infantile Paralysis" Campaign

President Roosevelt has appointed Keith Morgan of New York National Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday for the Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign. The President also has authorized the use of his birthday, January 30, to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Organization for the eighth successive drive already is at top speed and every citizen, young and old, will be asked to participate and to "Help The Youngster Around Your Own Corner." The health of America's children is one of the front lines of our national defense," President Roosevelt said in his letter to Mr. Morgan, endorsing the campaign. Left to right—reading the letter are: George Allen of, Washington, former Commissioner of the District of Columbia, Chairman of the "Mile of Dimes"; Eddie Cantor, noted radio, screen and stage star, Chairman of the "March of Dimes" of the air, and Keith Morgan, National Campaign Chairman.

Appointments South Mississippi Conference

Bishop J. H. Moore, Presiding

MERIDIAN DISTRICT—R L Young.
Presiding Elder
Meridian Station—Matthew J Jones
Zion Hill Circuit—E F Young
Good Hope Circuit—Z D Brent
Hattiesburg & Gulfport—Jas Franklin
Rose Hill Circuit—G C Fairley
Blue Springs— Blackman's Temple and
Prentiss Circuit—C T Trompson
Bassfield Circuit—T Sanders, Jr
Mt. Pleasant Circuit—E D Barksdale
Biloxi Mission—H L Chapenan
Laurel & Taylorsville—W T Thomas (Supply)
Raleigh Mission—E C Connor
Wiggins, Bond and Landon Circuit—T W Hence
CCC Camp Mission—W B Easterling
Moss Point & Scranton—N A Jones
Pascagoula Mission—H C McLaurin
Columbia Mission—L R Echols
South Side Meridian—Esco Ellison
China & Mt. Carmel Mis.—J O Hardaway
M I College—T M Booth (Student)
M I College—Jas Walker (Student)
District Missionary President—Mrs S E Blackman
State Contributing Editor to Missionary Messenger—Mrs R L Young
District Sunday School Superintendent V T Thompson
Annual Conference Director, Religious Education—R L Young
Director of Young People— Mrs R I Young
Joint Board of Finance—Clerical—E D Barksdale, Lay—V T Thompson
GLOSTER DISTRICT—U L Washington
Presiding Elder
Gloster & Star Hill Circuit—O A HILL
Utica Circuit—G W Roberts
Pine Bluff & Lowe's Chapel—J O Ames
Mt. Olive—John Goode
White Castle & Midway Ct—E B Shorts
Centreville Circuit—D M Montgomery
Rosetta, Kingston & Knoxville—J S Anderson
Utica Institute, Harrison & Midway—M B Brown
McComb & Brookhaven—D D Seiber
Vicksburg Mission—J S Folds
Liberty & Roxie—S L Neyland
Mendville—L S Sherman
In hand of presiding elder:—L C Hill, G A Williams
District Missionary President—Mrs Mittie Parker
District Director Religious Education—Prof. Atkins Hunt
Joint Board of Finance—Clerical, G W Roberts, Lay—A M Wilson
JACKSON DISTRICT—E W Washington
Presiding Elder
Lynch Street Station—E L Percoates
Lane & Ebernezer—M M Harrison
Bentonia Circuit—E B Blackman
Sartartia& Valley Ct—F Miller
Crystal Springs Ct—J E Davis
Terry & Warm Springs—G L McDonald
Fannin Circuit—Moody J Jones
Pleasant Grove Circuit—W L Expose
Zionelle & Mt. OLIVE Ct—S L Expose
D'Lo Mission—C C Collins
Phoenix Misison—H Fuque
Canton Station—W D Avery
In hands of Presiding Elder: T Sanders, Sr, W M Anderson, B J Anderson, W J Jones, C A Simpson.
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District President—Mrs M F Williams
District Superintendent of Sunday School—Mrs. F M Alexander
District President of Epworth League—Mrs Jeaneta Brown
Joint Board of Finance—Clerical, E R Blackman, Lay, C I Chapman.

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WHAT IS TALK WORTH?

Dr. Charles Stelzle

Some men are paid a dollar a minute for their speeches because they've taken time to think them through, but there are lots of others who can't make a cent a day that way, because they spend their time hollering for "free speech."

It has often been said that talk is cheap; but it is altogether a question as to who does the talking. As a matter of fact, what a man is means more than what he says, for it is a man's character which determines the value of his speech. This implies that the value of men's words vary.

In this respect men are divided into three classes. Men of the first class have their words taken at par. They mean precisely what they say. Of this type of man it has been said: "His word is as good as his bond.' Men of the slow to speak. Their words are few But when they promise, one rests assured that ordinarily they will do more second class have their words taken at a premium. Such men are usually than has been asked. The words of the men of the third class are always discounted.

And so, it often happens that exactly the same words, spoken by different men, mean very different things. It's because the men are different. Therefore, we place a different value upon what they say—at par, below par, above par that's our estimate of the same words spoken by three different men.

It is rather curious that while most of us flatter ourselves that we cannot be fooled by the other fellow, few of us seem to realize that we cannot fool others. It does not take men very long to form a proper estimate of our real value. Everybody soon knows whether our words are to be placed at par, at a premium or at a discount Therefore. let's quit trying to fool one another. It doesn't pay. It is a waste of time and of energy.

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Mattie L. Larkin, Office Sect'y.

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Sunday School Lesson

LESSON X December 8, 1940

A GOOD NEIGHBOR—Luke 10

Printed Text, Luke 10:25-37

GOLDEN TEXT— Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. Luke 10:27.

Luke 10:25. And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and made trial of him, saying, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26. And he said unto him, What is written in the Law? how readest thou?

27. And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

28. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29. But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

30. Jesus made answer and said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he FELL among robbers who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31. And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32. And in like manner a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33. But a certain Samaritan, as he journed, came where he was: and when he saw him, re was moved with compassion.

34. And came to him, and bound up his wounds, poured on them oil and wine; and he set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35. And on the morrow he took out wo shillings, and gave them to the ost, and said, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, I, when I come back again, will repay thee.

36. Which of these three, thinkest hou, proved neighbor unto him that fell among the robbers?

37. And he said, He that showed ercy on him. And Jesus said unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

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...mony in your dressing; ...color blending and con... ...e yourself suitably for the occasion; and above all look ... your feet and see to it that the... too, are an attractive part of yo... ensemble. Don't let their unbeco... ing appearance detract from yo... well-planned costume. Let them ... complimentary to you, as well ... serviceable.

Speaking of comfort and servic... ability, did you know that most fo... troubles come from wearing s... small shoes? It seems to be a cu... tom to squeeze the feet into shoe... an inch or two too short. Wh... good is the appearance of little fee... if the possessor must suffer agonie... in order to maintain it?

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Ans: Tell him to get his divorce and come to youw ith a marriage license and you will take him back. Under no condition take him if he doesn't offer you marriage. It is true that he did make a mistake but you also were to blame—you gave your consent and never didl et him know that you wanted to get married.

R M— Please tell me just who my father's property is willed to? This seems to worry me here of late?

Ans: Talk to your father about this matter—he wouldn't hesitate to tell you if you asked. I must warn you that you aren't the only one he is remembering—he thinks an awful lot of his niece and she is kind to him—therefore he will remember her too.

T J— He says he loves me and I am very much in love with him. Tell me what you think about our affair?

Ans: Well—there is another girl besides yourself that he goes with and Under the circumstances you shouldn't put all of your faith in him for he isn't showing you this consideration. he tells you both that he loves yoo No fellow hi sage wants to get married.

M E W— Will I ever lose any of this fat and will he love me any more if I did?

Ans: He wouldn't care any more for you if you lost weight but some future boy friends might think more of you if you were a trifle thinner. You are old enough to start losing some of your fat—it is suggested that you visit a doctor and talk to him about dieting.

B C— There is a girl who passes me every night in a V-8 and asks me to ride with her. Tell me why she doesn't tell me who she is when I tell her I won't ride unless she does?

Ans: She's married and knows better than to tell her identity. Don't be sap enough to ride with her—her husband is a big heavy set fellow and he would not give you a chance to explain if he were to catch you in his car. His wife is a bit "frisky" but she had better watch her step.

F R C— I am contemplating borrowing the money to take a course in beauty culture and I wish to know if I should enter this line or would it be best for me to do something else?

Ans: Beauty Culture seems to be the only thing you have thought about doing for the past five years and I am sure you would make a good operator You are capable of owning a little business of your own—work hard and save your money so that you can open your own place at a later date.

M T— I am in love with a married man and we have quit so tell me what to do to get him back again?

Ans: Nothing in this world that you do would make him change his opinion about you. He has never loved you only went with you for what he could get, and now he is tired of you. He cast you aside and never expects to change his mnid. You are the lucky one—lucky that he did drop you—now you can make friends with some nice simple man and get married.

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E. F. Young, General President

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AARON TROTTER

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A CONTEST FOR A HAT

There Is A Contest Between Presidents A. J. Barnett And Aaron Trotter For A Nice Hat. Barnett is wearing his "barnett" and Trotter is "trotting" away. So Much Interest is Being Created about this hat that we are going to have to award "a hat prize' in each board

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A CONTEST FOR A HAT

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W. J. RANKIN
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G. B. ARRINGTON
I must wear that hat.

L. B. MARSHALL
"I could wear the hat, I think. I might decide to get it."

C. L. HALL
Make room, boys, and give me my place at the top.

J. W. PIGFORD
"Watch out boys, I am easing up on you.

PRESIDENT WM. KINSLOW

There are some horses in this H. B .A hat race whose names do not appear.

ON TO THE DECEMBER BOARDS

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HOME-COMING DAY AT MT. PLEASANT COLLINS

Meridian Dist. Pastors Make Reply

Mt. Pleasant & Collins Had Their First Home Coming Day Nov. 17

1940 Which was a Grand Success

Mt. Pleasant and Collins had their first home coming day November 17, 1940. Which was a grand success.

Mrs. A. M. Reeves was Mistress of Ceremony. A selection was given by the choir. Address of Welcome on behalf of the church by Professor L. W. Easterling. Address of Welcome on behalf of the Sunday School by Mr. E. J. Easterling. Address of Welcome on behalf of Covington County Training School by Miss Charlett Means. The chorus sang a selection, "Precious Lord" after which Brother J. R. McNair gave a brief synopsis of the church before a record was kept. From 1875 to 1889 no record was kept. The history of the church was given by Mrs. Savannah Deen. A very beautiful instrumental solo was played by Miss M. J. Young. Address by Rev. R. L. Young. Then the financial reports were called for.

The financial reports amounted to $71.94.

History of Mt. Pleasant CME Church.

The materials for illustrating the organization of Mt. Pleasant C. M. E. Church are so scattered that one finds quite a bit of difficulty in deciding where to begin. A record has been discovered that was kept in 1893. Presiding Elder in 1893 was Rev. Henry Herron. Pastor in 1893 was Reverend J. C. Moody. Superintendent of the Sunday School was J. R. McNair. Recording Steward was E. D. Ratliff. District Stewards: Thomas Easterling, Emanual Easterling, Wash Easterling, Anderson Foxworth, Griffin McNair, Gabe Easterling. Stewardesses were: Easter Easterling, Helen Easterling, Jula Easterling, Margrett Easterling, Hulda McNair, Effie McNair. Presiding Elders: Rev. A. L. Jennings presided from 1894 to 1899; Rev. C. M. Newell presided from 1900 to 1904. Pastors: R. G. Gavia: pastored from 1894 to 1896; Reverend M.B. Brown was the pastor during the year of 1897. Reverend Hodges pastored from 1898 to 1899. Rev. S. M. Taylor S. D. Southland pastored during the year of 1900. Reverend H. B. Leach pastored from 1901 to 1904. Supt. of the Sunday School: Anderson Foxworth served as superintendent during the year of 1894; Allen McNair in 1895; J. R. McNair from 1896 to 1899; Chatman Easterling from 1900 to 1905.

Reverend P. M. McCranie served as Presiding Elder from 1905 to 1906. Rev J. H. Moore served as Presiding Elder from 1907 to 1909, Reverend S. E. Ernin from 1910 to 1911, Reverend E. B. Blackman from 1912 to 1913, Reverend J. W. Brown from 1914 to 1920, Reverend H B. Leach served as Presiding Elder from 1921 to 1923, Rev. E. B. Blackman from 1924 to 1929, Reverend E. W. Washington from 1930 to 1935, Reverend R. L. Young began serving as Presiding Elder in 1936 and is still serving.

Reverend Geo. W. Holbert, S. Kice served as pastor from 1907 to 1910; S L. Pearce from 1911 to 1912; Rev. R. B Cadell from 1913 to 1917; Reverend E W. Washington served as pastor from 1918 to 1921; Rev. C. H. Miller from 1922 to 1923; Revs. W. M. Anderson, R. L. Young from 1925 to 1926; S. E Gibson from 1927 to 1928; Reverend G L. Bi.ks during the year of 1929; Rev E. B. Blackman, served as pastor from 1930 to 1934; Rev. Moody Jones in 1935; Rev. E. D. Barksdale in 1936.

Sunday School Superintendents:

J. C. Gillispie from 1905 to 1911; G. E. Easterling from 1911 to 1931; Ethel B. Barron during the year of 1932; George Edley Magee from 1933 to 1934; E. J. Easterling from 1934 to 1940. Our present steward board:

Mrs. McNair, J. R. McNair, E D Ratliff, G. E. Easterling, E. J. Easterling, Eddie Barron, Primas Powell, Fudgett Easterling. Stewardesses: Sarah McNair, Bettie Ratliff, Elizabeth Easterling, Mammie Easterling, Hulda McNair, and Effie McNair.

Sallie McNair, Armanda Washington. Recording Steward: G. E. Easterling.

The Women Missionary Society was organized here in 1911, under the leadership of Elder E. B. Blackman and Reverend S. L. Pearce. Mrs. Virgie McNair was appointed president at that time. The following ladies have served as presidents: Mrs. Elizabeth Easterling. Mrs. Amanda Washington, Mrs. Clara Gillispie, Mrs. Vesta McNair, Mrs. Victora McNair, Pink E. Magee and Mrs. A. M. Reeves.

It has been said when a man is honest he has done the noblest work of God. When a man comes down to the end of his days and says in truth, that he has been honest with himself and honest in his work, and leaves it

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South Mississippi Annual Conference Meets At Winan Chapel, Centreville Miss Nov. 20-24 1940

The 30th Annual Session of the South Mississippi Annual Conference convened in Winan's Chapel C. M. E. Church on the above date at Centreville, Miss.

The Conference opened at 9:30 a.m. in high spirit. After the devotion Bishop J. H. Moore, presented by Rev E. B. Blackman, arose amidst cheers and applauses. A touching address was delivered by the bishop.

After his address he presented Rev R. L. Young, Presiding Elder of the Meridian District who delivered the Communion Sermon. A strong and forceful sermon was delivered by the Presiding Elder. The bishop, assisted by his presiding elders, proceeded to administer the Lord's Supper to a large number of participants.

The statement "this is the best conference I have ever attended" was heard to fall from many lips. In spite of drought and heavy rains during the year, the reports were good. The Meridian District pastors made a 100 percent report, plus. The presiding elders of the Jackson and Gloster Districts together with their pastors, made a 100 percent report.

There has also been a satisfactory increase in membership. Bishop Moore was so well pleased with the work of the South Mississippi Conference that he has conferred upon it the title, "The Progressive Conference of Mississippi."

Strong sermons were delivered by the Reverends R. L. Young, J. E. Davis E. L. Percoates, M. H. Spencer and Bishop J. H. Moore, who delivered the closing sermon Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. The conference was organized with Reverends R. L. Young, Secretary; Z. D. Brent, Assistant Secretary; U. L. Washington, Secretary to the Bishop and O. A. Hill, Statistician. Reporters were Mr. A W Wells, Reverend W D Avery and Miss Mammie Hunt.

RFGISTRATION—

At the roll call, a hundred persons registered, paying $1.00 each. The conference was largely attended and many strong reoslutions were read and adopted by various committees "On State Of The Church," "State Of The Country, etc" In these resolutions adopted, the conference went on record condemning discrimination, because of race or color, and especially did the conference condemn discrimination as practiced in the South, where colored people are not permitted to vote, only in general elections.

It was made known in some of the resolutions, that white Congressmen and Senators are elected according to the populations, which includes Negroes however, when it comes to voting and his election, the Negro is excluded. The Reverend R. L. Young took a leading part in presenting these strong resolutions, which were endorsed wholeheartedly by the Annual Conference.

The next Annual Conference was voted to Newell Chapel CME Church Meridian, Mississippi. The appointments were read at 3:30 p.m. Benediction by Bishop J. H. Moore.

A. W. Wells, Jackson, Mississippi Reporter.

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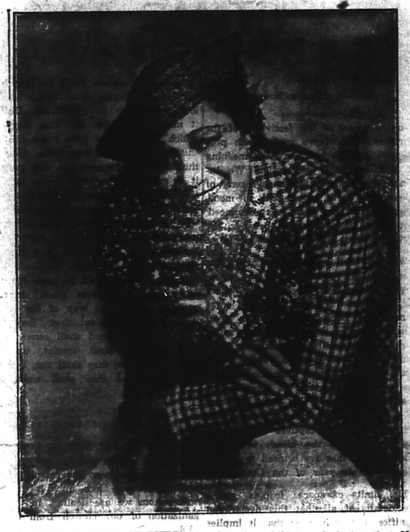

GOVERNOR PRAISES ARTISTIC ADVANCE OF RACE,

North Carolina Executive Tells Etta Moten Future Is Hopeful

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13— Gov. Clyde R. Hoey expressed great appreciation for the progress which the Negro people of the nation and his state are making along ALL Lines, but particularly artistically, in a brief interview which he held with Etta Moten, the singer, in the executive offices here last week. Miss Moten, accompanied by W. R. Johnson, executive secretary of Negro Work in the State Department of Public Welfare had called to meet the governor. The charming visitor expressed her appreciation of the growing liberality and fairness which the state of North Carolina is exhibiting, declaring that North Carolina could well serve as a pattern for some states of the deep South, though she declared that in her travels, she found improvement in racial relationships all over the South. She hoped, however, for far greater social, economic, and educational benefits to the race, she said.

Miss Moten, who had given two concerts in Raleigh, one for St. Paul Church, and one for St. Augustine's College, was enroute to other engagements in the state, after which she was scheduled for Charleston, S. C., Allequippe, Pa., Franklin, Va., and points in Indiana, Louisiana, and Texas. In the latter two states, she sings at Alexandria, La., December 12; Baton Rouge, Louisiana, December 13; Galveston Texas, December 16; Beaumont, Texas December 18; and at Wiley College.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF DENTAL SOCIETY

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FREEMAN DENTAL SOCIETY

When the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society celebrated its 40th anniversary with a formal banquet in Washington recently, the following officers of the National Dental Association were guests as the principal speaker, and Dr. C Thurston Forebes, chairman; National Defense Committee, National Dental Association and president of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society. (ANP)

Meridian District C.-M. E. Pastors Writes Presiding Elder

Reverend R. L. Young

Dear Editor:

This comes to inform you that I am living up to your District Program and will do my best to comply with your request.

Yours in His name,
Rev. W. T. Thomas

Reverend R. L. Young

Dear Elder;

I will do my best to help you put over your program at the Minister's Council which is to be held at Bassfield Mississippi.

Yours in His name,
Reverend S. E. Ellison.

Reverend R. L. Young,
Meridian, Mississippi

Dear Rev. Young:

In reply to your letter concerning the program of the Meridian District as one of the pastors, I think it is a very good one and I am with your program 100 percent. I will do my best to comply with your request at the Minister's Council.

Yours for the Master,
Rev. M. J. Jones.

Dear Editor:

This comes to let the many readers know that Lodge No. 301 is planning to royally entertain the December Board at Mt. Ollie M. B. Church, five miles Southwest of town on the old Avary Road. Those coming from the north will come one mile and turn to the right at the first fork of the road, where they will see a sign, "Board"

Fraternally yours,
Mrs. Minnie McCann, Rep.

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CHRISTMAS AND REDEMPTION

By Dr. Charles Stelzle

In the midst of the festivities of the Christmas season, we might with profit turn our minds toward the meaning of this worldwide celebration. We instinctively think of the angel's song of "Peace on earth, good will to men", when the birth or Jesus was announced. But let us leap the span between the birth of Jesus to his manhood.

When he had reached maturity, Jesus was one day preaching in the synagogue in the town of Nazareth, where he had been brought up. He was handed tre Book of Isaiah, the great Hebrew prophet: one of the 1st to reject the doctrine that might makes right—and Jesus proceeded to read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

The limits of space forbids giving the details of all that this declaration signifies, but it is clear that it implies the redemption of the common people from the social, economic and physical ills from which they were suffering. History has proved that much progress has been made in this direction, but there are still those who are poor broken-hearted, captives, blind and bruised. For these, too, this purpose must be fulfilled—in every community, in every city, in every country.

At this Christmas season mankind should reconsecrate itself to this high purpose. It is an Ideal which it has long sought to have fulfilled. United it may help usher in "The Day" of which Jesus spoke 2,000 years ago for this, too, is "the acceptable year of the Lord." To accomplish this purpose it is necessary to remove the barriers that stand in its way, so that this great task may be speedily accomplished.

It was Isaiah who declared many years before that to this end "every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain," in preparation for "the way of the Lord." And it was promised that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint."

Home Coming

to history to add that he livel completely for others and for others died, surely we have seen the essence of the noblest work of God. Such is the men with whom we are dealing, in the organization of our church from 1895 to 1940.

Savannah J. Deen, Reporter.

Reverend R. L. Young

Dear Elder:

This will assure you that I have tried to comply with your request. We have been very busy since Sunday.

Little Elma Lee McNair died Tuesday night and was buried Wednesday at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. Gray preached the funeral.

Savannah J. Deen, Reporter.

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Mattie L. Larkin, Office Sect'y.

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LESSON XI DECEMBER 15, 1940

JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY—LUKE 11

Printed Text, Luke 11:1—13

GOLDEN TEXT— Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find knock, and it shall be opened unto you, Luke 11:9.

Luke 11:1. And it came to pass, as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples.

2. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Father, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.

3. Give us day by day our daily bread.

4. And forgive us our sins; for we ourselves also forgive everyone that is indebted to us. And bring us not into temptation.

5. And he said unto them, which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight and say to him, Friend lend me three loaves;

6. For a friend of mine is come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him;

7. And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut and my children are with me in bed; I cannot raise and give thee?

8. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will arise and give him as many as he needeth.

9. And I say unto you, ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11. And of which of you that is a father shall his son ask a loaf, and he give him a stone? or a fish, and he for a fish give him a serpent?

12. Or if he shall ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion?

13. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

The Radcliff Family Reunion Sunday

RUSSELL, Miss.— Dear Eidtor: This comes to let the many readers of the Weekly Echo know that Mr. Isaac Radcliff, the son of Rev. R. W. Radcliff and wife is here visiting his relatives and friends. A reception was given in honor of Mr. Radcliff and his wife at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Radcliff, by the family circle. The menu was as follows: cake, chicken, pies and salads. There were eight children present, 37 grand children, and eight great grand children. Rev. Radcliff seemed to be very happy over this grand reunion Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the reception very much.

list, also Mr. Simon Yarrell. We extend to them our deepest sympathy a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Martha Durr, Reporter

Mr. John Bolden is still on the sick

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Look at your hair in the front, on the back of your head, and lifting several strands, look underneath. Is it streaky and vari-colored, is it spotty? Is it lovely because of its well-groomed appearance?

If you are disappointed in the way your hair looks, if the coloring does not suit you, apply an accredited coloring and see for yourself how much improved your appearance will be.

Don't be a stay-at-home, don't lose opportunities for happiness and romance, simply because you may have overlooked the appearance of your hair. It's so much a part of you but that is all the more reason for taking care of it—beautify your hair with regular treatment and a well-rounded diet.

The subject of proper foods for general health, as well as hair health, will be considered in a later column, so for the time being we shall think only about what daily routine will help to develop your hair so that you will be the envy of your friends, and the admiration of your masculine associates.

The small amount of effort expended in brushing your hair daily will pay handsome dividends. Use a strong bristled brush. Divide the hair into small sections (as if you were going to braid it) all over your head, and taking one part at a time, brush upward and outward with vigorous strokes. Keep this up until your scalp fairly tingles with life—you have already improved the circulation; and good circulation to the roots of your hair will result in stronger and healthier hair.

If your hair is dry, try oil treatments or shampoos. Keep out of the sun—on windy days, remember to wear some kind of covering on your head because the elements are hard on hair and render the problem of caring for the hair a most difficult one.

If your hair is oily, use egg shampoos to help brighten it, to bring out the sheen which is ordinarily hidden by the accumulation of oil from the scalp.

It is never good to scratch the head—instead, place your fingertips on your scalp and gently, but firmly, move the scalp backwards and forwards, and from side to side. This exercise has a stimulating effect and will reward you in hair beauty and health.

For the next several weeks, concentrate on your hair. It is a lot more beneficial to follow a few rules for beauty regularly, than to confuse the mind with many which, in the end, are forgotten because it is too hard to remember so much.

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NOTICE

BOARD NOTICE

Those who are expecting to meet the Board at Pt. Pleasant Baptist Church on Dec. 18. Those coming from the North may come to Magee, Mississippi, take the Jaynesville Road and come eleven (11) mile South. Those coming from East, come to Mt. Olive, Mississippi travel 7 miles west, turn south 3 miles. Coming from South travel No. 49 to Mt. Olive, turn west 7 miles, south 3 miles. Coming from West come to Prentiss, Miss., travel No. 84 to Mt Carmel, detour on old highway 84 travel 8 miles north.

Lula Lee, Reporter.

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TOOMSUBA— Dear Editor; May I say in the columns of your paper that Mrs. Bettie Sears, the mother of Mr. J. C. Williams, accidently FELL and broke her hip. The accident occurred on November 16. She is now in Rush Infirmary. Sister Sears is 71 years old and is in a critical condition. She is a member of HBA No. 22 and has been for 25 years.

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Reverend R. L. Young, P.E.
Meridian District,
Dear Elder:

This comes to let you know that I have received your envelops, etc. for my members. I have also read your earnest appeal through the Weekly Echo to your preachers. Well, Roy, Son, since you keep on urging your Daddy to do something for you, my people and I decided we want to try to live up to your request. You may count on us.

From your daddy, who used to whi, you and will do it again if necessary.

Reverend E. F. Young,
1503 26th Ave., Meridian, Miss

Collins, Miss

Reverend R. L. Young,
Meridian, Mississippi.
Dear Elder:

Yours to hand and in reply we wish to say to you that I am with your program 100 percent. I have already given out a deal of envelops that you sent me and am continuing to go out among my people. I think my folk are going to take at this plan in a great big way. The people on the Mt. Pleasant Circuit are the best on the District

My wife is improving. She has been a very, very sick woman. Pray for me and mine.

Reverend E. D. Barksdale,
Box 253, Collins, Mississippi

Reverend R. L. Young,
Dear Elder:

I have just opened the package of envelops that you mailed to me. I am leaving today for Carson and Prentiss. I am passing them out to my members and I wish to say to you that we are going to do it. It can be done, for you said so. Elder, preachers just cannot fail under you as Presiding Elder. You can just fire us preachers up with something that will make us do or die and I love you for that. The officers and members all over the district are wild about you. You really have the interest of your work at heart. I have no excuse and will bring no excuse to the Council on the 27th. If I had an excuse, it would be this: I will be there with my assessment and sixty members from my work.

Yours for service,
Rev. C. T. Thompson,
Bassfield, Mississippi.

Reverend R. L. Young
Dear Elder:

In reply to your letters and cards to me, I wish to state that I shall do my best to come up as usual, 100 per cent plus. I am also sending you the names and addresses of all of my officers.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. T. W. Hence
Wiggins, Mississippi

Dear Elder Young:

This comes to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence and in reply will say that my people and I are with your program and we shall do all in our might to come up round. We shall meet you at the Council.

Rev. Jas. Franklin,
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North Zone Meeting Dec. 29, 1940

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Mrs. Beal succumbed last Sunday at noon. In our special edition which will come off the press Monday, we will have more to say about this worth character.

A.M.E. Church Moves On With Woman Pastor

Bethel A.M.E. Church is selling on nicely with its new pastor, Reverend Mrs. L. E. Williams. She was appointed by Bishop S. L. Greene in November just over a month ago. This church is one of the oldest in the district. We wondered how about a "woman pastor." Well, here is news. Our church had planks nailed to places where windows were supposed to have been and several windows were rotten and panes out; no flue, no Sunday School bell, no collection plates and every winter we would move to the school house for service, no Missionary Society and no class meetings, no money in treasury.

Well, here we are blessed to have new windows, all panes replaced, a new Sunday School bell, new collection plates and a new flue, and above all, we are having service in the blessed consecrated church, which was dedicated years ago by our fore fathers and mothers. We have a Missionary Society and it is alive and will report in the District Council Wednesday, Dec. 18th. Our Sunday School is much alive. We have money in the treasury and have presents bought for the Xmas tree, which will be held at Bethel School house Monday night at 8:00 p.m., Dec. 23rd. Aside from this old Santa Claus, we will have plenty extras. We the members of Bethel A.M.E. Church will say "watch us grow," with our pastor.

Oh yes, it has been whispered that a choir with lovely capes will be in charge the first Sunday in January 1941. The above is the first in all the history of the church, "a choir."

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You know I am with you and your program. Get the bus ready I am going to Bassfield.

J. M. Russell
Good Hope Circuit.

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Dear Elder:

We have lined up with our pastor to entertain the Ministers' Council on December 27. We mean to put the program over.

Mrs. Effie Reese Tate
Holly Springs Circuit
Bassfield, Mississippi

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Dear Elder:

I have just seen my pastor and we are arranging to have the goose, duck hen, guines, and rooster all ready when the council meets on the 27th. We plan to give you a big time. Watch Holly Springs Church go over the top.

Yours for service,
Mrs. S. E. Blackman.

Final Session Of H. B. A. Boards Held

The final H. B. A. Board was held Thursday in the H. B. A. Building of the December quarter. One of the best boards held in the city of Meridian was held Thursday with a large delegation of H. B. A. presidents. Good reports were made.

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PROPOSE PICKENS FOR SPINGARN

MEDAL—BRANCHES BEHIND POPULAR OFFICIALS

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (ANP)— The Chicago Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its annual meeting Thursday night and amid considerable enthusiasm voted an endorsement of Dean William Pickens for the 1941 Spingarn Medal. President Ira W. Williams who was reelected to serve his fourth term gave vocal evidence of the spirit of the meeting. Mr. Williams said:

"In appreciation of the work done by Mr. Pickens not only for the NAACP but for the Negro in every section of the country, I feel there should be some fitting reward for the services he has rendered. I see, therefore, no reason why the Spingarn Medal should not be his award. The Chicago Branch has gone on record as endorsing Dean Pickens to be proper person to receive this award."

NORTH ZONE MEETING

The Meridian District North Zone To Meet

The Meridian District, North Zone will meet at Good Hope C. M. E Church, Sunday, December 29, 1940 This being our first meeting in the new Conference year and coming right after the close of the District Ministers' Council, we are expecting big things from every angle. The members and friends are urged to be present and prepared to make their contributions spiritually and financially, to the success of the Missionary program.

At this season of the year when all of our hearts are filled with joy, thanks and the spirit of giving for the happiness of others, is a very fine time to begin an effective year's work in our zone.

Mrs L. Wilson, President.

H B.A. Death

Dear Editor:

This comes to inform the many readers of the Weekly Echo that Lodge No. 30 has lost one of its most faithful members in the person of Brother George Washington McQuarters, who departed this life November 25, 1940

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ONE DAY AT A TIME

By Dr. Charles Stelzle

Many of us are troubled because we are uncertain of what may happen to us during the coming year and we declare that we'd give anything to know what the new year will bring to us.

Suppose you could have your wish.

Suppose you knew everything that was going to happen to you tomorrow, what a fearfull stupid day it would be. And think of a year of such days.

Suppose you knew all the charms of your friends—wouldn't they suddenly take a drop in your interest? It is because you discover new things about them every day that holds them to you.

Suppose you resolved never to engage in any occupation until you knew all its laws and principles of operation—you'd never make a start, because nobody knows all about them. And no one ever will.

As you look back upon your life, you will see that most of your errors were due to the fact that new conditions had developed that you did not konw about. You had to learn about them, and you could make your discoveries only through experience. And many of us learn through the mistakes we have made. Experience is one of life's great teachers.

The world moves so fast that none of us can keep ahead of it. There is always so much to be learned, even by the wisest of us.

This is what makes life a great adventure, A life that holds no surprises would be a very dull experience.

And so, lets face the new year with confidence.

Anyway—here's a message that will give new hope and courage for every day throughout the year:

The world is wide
In time and tide,
And—God is Guide—
Then do not hurry.

That man is blest
Who does his best
And—leaves the rest—
Then do not worry.

CHRISTMAS AND REDEMPTION

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In the midst of the festivities of the Christmas season, we might with profit turn our minds toward the meaning of this worldwide celebration. We instinctively think of the angel's song of "Peace on earth, good will to men", when the birth of Jesus was announced. But let us leap the span between the birth of Jesus to his manhood.

When he had reached maturity, Jesus was one day preaching in the synagogue in the town of Nazareth, where he had been brought up. He was handed the Book of Isaiah, the great Hebrew prophet: one of the 1st to reject the doctrine that might makes right—and Jesus proceeded to read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

The limits of space forbids giving the details of all that this declaration signifies, but it is clear that it implies the redemption of the common people from the social, economic and physical ills from which they were suffering History has proved that much progress has been made in this direction, but there are still those who are poor broken-hearted, captives, blind and bruised. For these, too, this purpose must be fulfilled—in every community in every city, in every country.

At this Christmas season mankind should reconsecrate itself to this high purpose. It is an Ideal which it has long sought to have fulfilled. United it may help usher in "The Day" of which Jesus spoke 2,000 years ago for this, too, is "the acceptable year of the Lord." To accomplish this purpose it is necessary to remove the barriers that stand in its way, so that this great task may be speedily accomplished.

It was Isaiah who declared many years before that to this end "every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain," in preparation for "the way of the Lord." And it was promised that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint."

Sunday School Lesson

LESSON XII DECEMBER 22

SHARING THE SHEPHERDS' JOY

(Christmas Lesson)

Luke 2:8-20

Golden Text— Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased. Luke 2:14.

Luke 2:8. And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keep watch by night over their flock.

9. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people:

11. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12. And this is the sign unto you; Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

15. And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the Manger.

17. And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child.

18. And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds.

19. But Mary kept all these sayings pondering them in her heart.

20. And the shepherds returned, glorifing and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen even as it was spoken unto them.

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He was also faithful to his church until death. While he was preparing himself to go to Sunday School one Sunday he said, "I don't feel like I am going to make it safely but I am going to make a start if I fail on the way" Brother McQuarters was loved by all who knew him. He is survibed by a wife, three sons, two daughters, three sisters, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

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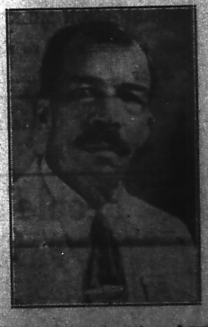

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Mrs. Beal was an outstanding character of this city and was highly respected by all. She was the mother of ten children, six of whom still live. She was one of the most loyal members on roll in New Hope Baptist Church.

The funneral was held Tuesday 12:00 noon at New Hope Baptist Church with the Reverend Luke Beard, pastor delivering the funeral oration, which was timely with touching affect. It was not one of those funeural orations to stir the emotion of the bereaved family, but rather one that would console the family and help others to live better lives. Some of those appearing on the program were: Reverends C. C. Walker R. L. Young, E. A. Mays, Professor and Mrs. J. B. Pettus and the New Hope Choir. Remarks were made by Rev. B. W. Coates.

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MAKES HIS LAST CALL FOR THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Again we approach another holiday season. Mollions were ushered into the new year, 1940, however, 1940 has ushered into eternity millions of souls. Some have been ushered into the eternal bliss and others into eternal damnation.

Since this is true, it behooves each of us to ask: which way will our soul go, oh, which way will it go, to the heavens above or the regions below. "Friends, have you decided which way your soul shall go?"

If we look back over the past and begin to count our blessings one by one, can we not see that the Lord is good and "His mercy endureth forever? It matters not how mean, how negligent, how careless we have been to ourselves, to our friends, to our foes and to our God, we can but say THE LORD IS GOOD TO US. Let us pray that the coming holiday season and the new year will find us true to our God and true to our fellowman.

We hope for our thousands of readers of the Weekly Echo, a Merry Xmas, a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We wish to thank our many, many friends for the support given us in our various endeavors during 1940 and we solicit an interest in your prayers that we may continue to do our best as God gives us knowledge and ability.

Again, a Merry Xmas and a Happy, Happy New Year.

Yours for the Master,
Rev. R. L. Young, Editor.

HBA DRIVE PROVED Successful

President A. J. Barnett leads the state closely followed by President L. B. Marhsall of Wiggins, Mississippi. On the last round President Joe Knox ran in third with President Aaron Trotter running fourth. This was a hot and spirited contest. We must make mention of Brother C. L. Hall and Wm. Kinslow, President Kinslow has the biggest lodge in the state. More will be said later.

President Barnett is calling on the whole Association to line up for a big drive until the March Board. He has appealed to the General President to continue the dispensation until the March Board. The dispensation is still on, 50c to join, after the March boards close it will be $1.00 to join.

H B.A. Death

Dear Editor:

This comes to inform the many readers of the Weekly Echo that Lodge No. 39 has lost one of its most faithful members in the person of Brother George Washington McQuarters, who departed this life November 25, 1940

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The Weekly Echo And staff

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ONE DAY AT A TIME

By Dr. Charles Stelzle

Many of us are troubled because we are uncertain of what may happen to us during the coming year and we declare that we'd give anything to know what the new year will bring to us.

Suppose you could have your wish.

Suppose you knew everything that was going to happen to you tomorrow, what a fearfull stupid day it would be. And think of a year of such days.

Suppose you knew all the charms of your friends—wouldn't they suddenly take a drop in your interest? It is because you discover new things about them every day that holds them to you.

Suppose you resolved never to engage in any occupation until you knew all its laws and principles of operation—you'd never make a start, because nobody knows all about them. And no one ever will.

As you look back upon your life, you will see that most of your errors were due to the fact that new conditions had developed that you did not konw about. You had to learn about them, and you could make your discoveries only through experience. And many of us learn through the mistakes we have made. Experience is one of life's great teachers.

The world moves so fast that none of us can keep ahead of it. There is always so much to be learned, even by the wisest of us.

This is what makes life a great adventure. A life that holds no surprises would be a very dull experience.

And so, lets face the new year with confidence.

Anyway—here's a message that will give new hope and courage for every day throughout the year:

The world is wide
In time and tide,
And—God is Guide—
Then do not hurry.

That man is blest
Who does his best
And—leaves the rest—
Then do not worry.

CHRISTMAS AND REDEMPTION

By Dr. Charles Stelzle

In the midst of the festivities of the Christmas season, we might with profit turn our minds toward the meaning of this worldwide celebration. We instinctively think of the angel's song of "Peace on earth, good will to men", when the birth of Jesus was announced. But let us leap the span between the birth of Jesus to his manhood.

When he had reached maturity, Jesus was one day preaching in the synagogue in the town of Nazareth, where he had been brought up. He was handed the Book of Isaiah, the great Hebrew prophet: one of the 1st to reject the doctrine that might makes right—and Jesus proceeded to read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

The limits of space forbids giving the details of all that this declaration signifies, but it is clear that it implies the redemption of the common people from the social, economic and physical ills from which they were suffering. History has proved that much progress has been made in this direction, but there are still those who are poor broken-hearted. captives, blind and bruised. For these, too, this purpose must be fulfilled—in every community in every city, in every country.

At this Christmas season mankind should reconsecrate itself to this high purpose. It is an Ideal which it has long sought to have fulfilled. United it may help usher in "The Day" of which Jesus spoke 2,000 years ago for this, too, is "the acceptable year of the Lord." To accomplish this purpose it is necessary to remove the barriers that stand in its way, so that this great task may be speedily accomplished.

It was Isaiah who declared many years before that to this end "every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain," in preparation for "the way of the Lord." And it was promised that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint."

Sunday School Lesson

LESSON XII DECEMBER 22

SHARING THE SHEPHERDS' JOY

(Christmas Lesson)

Luke 2:8-20

Golden Text— Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased. Luke 2:14.

Luke 2:8. And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keep watch by night over their flock.

9. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people:

11. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12. And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

15. And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the Manger.

17. And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child.

18. And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds.

19. But Mary kept all these sayings pondering them in her heart.

20. And the shepherds returned, glorifing and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen even as it was spoken unto them.

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He was also faithful to his church until death. While he was preparing himself to go to Sunday School one Sunday he said, "I don't feel like I am going to make it safely but I am going to make a start if I fail on the way" Brother McQuarters was loved by all who knew him. He is survived by a wife, three sons, two daughters, three sisters, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

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Ybbe WALLACE

R M C— Will I make a successful singer? How and when should I go about it as I am very interested along this line?

Ans: I feel that you have talent. It is my suggestion that you try to join the CHURCH CHOIR and concentrate on improving your voice through this source. Study a year with the church choir and then make arrangements to take Vocal Lessons.

M B— This boy I met recently asked me for a date and then stands me up. Tell me does he care for me as I care for him? What is wrong as I like him a darn lot.

Ans: Too bad—he doesn't feel the same way about you. He asked you for a date merely to find out if you would allow him to come to see you—he isn't interested as he stands you up each time you give him permission to visit you. Don't continue to let him embarrass you in such a manner as he has recently.

M L D— I have two renters. While they were away someone broke in both apartments burning ones clothes and tore up the radio, oiled her bed, and ransaked all drawers. In the other room turned her beautiful dresser up side down and broke it and I wish to know for what reason?

Ans: Some young man who liked one of these girls feels that he received a raw deal from the one he was interested in—and therefore he tore up her apartment. He didn't know which one was hers so he left his respects at both apartments. He won't be showing himself around there anymore—he's long gone.

A L J— I wish to know if my husband tel dme the truth Sat. night or was he just out riding around?

Ans: Believe him this time—he had to work straight thru until 12:30 Saturday night. He wasn't with a girl on this particular night.

L M H— Since my girl pal and I are not friends as we once were I don't have as many boy friends. Has this girl been saying things about me? Will I find a nice friend soon?

Ans: This girl friend of yours has had nothing to say about your character she still admires you very much. It just happens that a girl cannot enjoy herself as much when she doesn't have friends as she can when she has friends. Make up with the girl—it will improve both your chances to meet nice boys. It will be a couple of years before you find the boy you want for a husband—get out and have some fun.

W G— I can't give either one of my two boy friends p and it seems to be the same with them. I love C. and love B. What shall I do?

Ans: Well—I am afraid that you three ha dbetter get together and work this had better get together and work this and since you can't make up your mind which one you like the best—continue on with both of them as you are doing and by next summer you will make a decision.

E L R— Seems like my home is all wrong—Seems like my husband and I can't agree and the children won't do right. Tell me what to do?

Ans: Don't blame your husband and children any more than you do yours. You are the mother and the homemaker you have done a poor job. Take things in hand again. Be a better wife to your husband and be a better mother to these children. If you change—they will do likewise and conditions will run along smoothly again.

SPECIAL BUS TO BASSFIELD, MISS

To the pastors, officers and members in and around Meridian: This is to inform you that we have arranged for a chartered bus, which will accomodate for persons to go to our Minister's Council to be held at Bassfield. December 27th.

All members and contestants may go on this chartered bus for $1.00. If you raise money in the contest and pay your General Fund, you can go for half fare, which is 50c. round trip.

Those who desire to go, are to deposit with me $50 for your seat. Several persons are already qualified to go. Remember that the bus will not hold but 48 persons. Get your seat now by making your deposit.

Rev. R. L. Young, P. E.,
Meridian District CME Church.

NORTH ZONE MEETING

The Meridian District North Zone To Meet

The Meridian District, North Zone will meet at Good Hope C. M. E Church, Sunday, December 29, 1940 This being our first meeting in the new Conference year and coming right after the close of the District Ministers' Council, we are expecting big things from every angle. The members and friends are urged to be present and prepared to make their contributions spiritually and financially, to the success of the Missionary program.

At this season of the year when all of our hearts are filled with joy, thanks and the spirit of giving for the happiness of others, is a very fine time to begin an effective year's work in our zone.

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MEDAL—BRANCHES BEHIND POPULAR OFFICIALS

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (ANP)— The Chicago Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its annual meeting Thursday night and amid considerable ethusiasm voted an endorsement of Dean William Pickens for the 1941 Spingarn Medal. President Ira W. Williams who was reelected to serve his fourth term gave vocal evidence of the spirit of the meeting. Mr. Williams said:

"In appreciation of the work done by Mr. Pickens not only for the NAACP but for the Negro in every section of the country, I feel there should be some fitting reward for the service he has rendered. I see, therefore, no reason why the Spingarn Medal should not be his award. The Chicago Branch has gone on record as endorsing Dean Pickens to be proper person to receive the award."

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